

number 09/770,427, filed January 26, 2001; and co-pending application entitled "OBJECT-DRIVEN NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ENABLING DYNAMICALLY DEFINABLE MANAGEMENT BEHAVIOR," assigned serial number 09/816,693, filed March 22, 2001, all of which are assigned to a common assignee and the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to concurrently filed application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEFINING MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR MANAGING NETWORK ELEMENTS," assigned serial number 09/945,372, and concurrently filed application entitled "USER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEFINING POLICIES FOR MANAGING NETWORK ELEMENTS," assigned serial number 09/945,112, all of which are assigned to a common assignee and the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference

Please replace paragraph [0078] beginning on page 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0078] Policy object 501 also includes a user-defined process list 504 as an attribute of such policy object. The user may specify in such policy list attribute the management tasks (or behaviors) that are to be performed upon invocation of the policy defined by object 501. The exemplary process list included in attribute 504 of policy object 501 corresponds to policy 404 of Fig. 4. Thus, policy object 501 of Fig. 5 may define policy 404 of Fig. 4. As described above, the user may specify the process flow of such policy. For instance, the process flow of a policy may be specified by the arrangement of management tasks (e.g., other policies) in the process list attribute 504. Additionally, in certain embodiments the user may utilize certain process flow control tools (such as "Go to" and/or "Loop" commands) in the process list 504 to further control the operational flow of the policy defined by policy object 501. Examples of defining a policy using a policy builder program in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention are further described in concurrently filed application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEFINING MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR MANAGING NETWORK ELEMENTS," assigned serial number 09/945,372 and concurrently filed application entitled "USER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEFINING POLICIES FOR MANAGING NETWORK ELEMENTS,"

assigned serial number 09/945,112, the disclosures of which have been incorporated herein by reference. For instance, as described in concurrently filed application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEFINING MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR MANAGING NETWORK ELEMENTS," the policy builder program may present a user-interface with which the user may interact to select predefined tools (e.g., policy templates) to be included in the process list, and the user may further control the arrangement of such predefined tools in the process list to control the process flow of the policy.